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SUBJECT: NPG- SYG LUNS LETTER TO SACEUR ON ILLUSTRATIVE STUDY
PRESENTATION

BEGIN SUMMARY: FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM SYG LUNS TO
GEN GOODPASTER ON SACEUR PRESENTATION ON THE SHAPE ILLUSTRATIVE
STUDY AT THE ANKARA NPG MINISTERIAL MEETING. TEXT WAS
CIRCULATED IN NATO UNDER REFERENCE PO/73/57. END SUMMARY.

BEGIN TEXT:

AT THEIR MEETING ON 16 TH APRIL, I INFORMED THE
NUCLEAR PLANNING GROUP PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
STATEMENT THAT THE SHAPE REPRESENTATIVE MADE LAST WEEK AT
THE NPG STAFF GROUP MEETING CONCERNING MY REQUEST FOR A
PRESENTATION ON THE SHAPE ILLUSTRATIVE STUDY ON DEMONSTRATIVE
USE. I TOLD THEM WE HAD BEEN ADVISED THAT, BECAUSE OF THE
CURRENT HEAVY WORKLOAD, IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR
SHAPE TO DEVELOP A COMPLETE FORMAL PRESENTATION IN THE SHORT
TIME REMAINING BEFORE THE ANKARA MEETING AND THAT IT WOULD
BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR SUCH A PRESENTATION TO BE READY FOR A
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PREVIEW BY THE NPG PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES. I NOTED,
HOWEVER, THAT YOU WILL BE PREPARED TO DESCRIBE THE STUDY
TO THE MINISTERS AT ANKARA IN AN INFORMAL PRESENTATION
THROUGH INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS. THIS DEVELOPMENT WAS

ACCEPTED WITH REGRET BY THE PERMAMENT REPRESENTATIVES WHO
NEVERTHELESS RECOGNIZED THAT IT WAS AN UNAVOIDABLE EXCEPTION
TO THE NORMAL APPROACH. THEY AGREED IT SHOULD NOT
CONSTITUTE A PRECEDENT.

DURING THE MEETING, THE QUESTION WAS RAISED WHETHER
THE TEXT OF YOUR INFORMAL PRESENTATION COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE
TO THE PERMAMENT REPRESENTATIVES BEFORE THE MINISTERIAL
MEETING, IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THERE WOULD BE NO OPPORTUNITY
FOR A PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF THE PRESENTATION IN THIS INSTANCE.
THE SHAPE REPRESENTATIVE, GENERAL MILLER, REPLIED THAT YOU
INTENDED TO MAKE ONLY AN ORAL INTRODUCTION OF THE STUDY. YOU
MAY WISH, HOWEVER, TO GIVE SOME FURTHER THOUGHT TO THE POSSI-
BILITY OF CIRCULATING THE TEXT OF YOUR INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT
TO THE NPG PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES.

WITH RESPECT TO THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MINISTERIAL
MEETING ITSELF, I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO FOLLOW AS
CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE THE PATTERN ESTABLISHED ON PREVIOUS
SIMILAR OCCASIONS. FOR THIS REASON, THE SCOPE OF YOUR
INFORMAL INTRODUCTORY PRESENTATION SHOULD BE LIMITED TO A
BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE STUDY ITSELF, LASTING NOT MORE THAN
ABOUT FIFTEEN MINUTES. SINCE THE STUDY WAS PREPARED TWO
YEARS AGO, THERE MAY BE ASPECTS THAT YOU WOULD WISH TO
UPDATE; IF THIS IS THE CASE, YOU SHOULD FEEL FREE TO DO SO
IN YOUR INTRODUCTORY PRESENTATION. THERE WILL, OF COURSE,
BE FULL OPPORTUNITY LATER IN THE DISCUSSION FOR YOU TO MAKE
SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS ON VARIOUS POINTS MENTIONED IN THE
PERMAMENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT OR RAISED BY THE MINISTERS
THEMSELVES.
END TEXT.
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